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Memorandum

To: State Agencies, Colleges and Universities, Constitutional Offices, Administrative
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From: Joseph A. Giddis

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Subject: **Act 542 of 2005—Biobased Products Act of 2005**

Act 542 of 2005 encourages the use of biobased products where practicable and consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition. The Act defines Biobased products at section 8-1-401 (1) and (2) (A)-(C) and defines "state agency" in section 8-1-401(3).

The Department of Finance and Administration, Office of State Procurement encourages the purchase of biobased products where cost effective. The provisions of the State Procurement Law and Regulations apply to purchases of biobased products, for State agencies and colleges and universities. The United States Department of Agriculture has not completed formulating their guidelines for designation of Biobased products under section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. A specific listing of biobased products will be provided upon federal enactment of regulations.